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SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/219,422, filed December 23, 1998, of Renato CARETTA et al. for A METHOD FOR MAKING TIRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Oath or Declaration and drawings, incorporating changes from previous amendments. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/219,422, as originally filed on December 23, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☒ Cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims ~~21-26~~.
5. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6. ☐ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ 710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	20	-	20	0	x \$18	0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$80	0.00
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7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:

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—This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/219,422, filed December 23, 1998; additionally, Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent application No. 97830731.2, filed December 30, 1997, in the European Patent Office; further, Applicant claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on prior-filed, copending provisional application No. 60/098,376, filed August 28, 1998, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the contents of both of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.--

10. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: PIRELLI PNEUMATICI S.p.A.
12. ☒ Priority of European Patent Application Serial No. 97830731.2, filed on December 30, 1997, in the European Patent Office is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
- ☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.
13. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status
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15. ☐ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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18. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney _____
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 09/219,422, filed December 23, 1998, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an

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extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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